THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) (i) 'IRCON' International Ltd. (IRCON)

(ii) Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES),

(iii) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. (IRFC),

(iv) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), and

(v) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRC) are the PSUs under Ministry of Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Annual Reports for year 1996-97 has not been received from KRC. There has been no serious audit objection in Railway PSUs for the years 1995-96 & 1996-97.

New Railway Line Between Haridaspur-Paradccp

1213. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Railway line has been proposed between Haridaspur and Paradeep Fort in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of the Survey done, acquisition of the land, and the period of the completion of the project thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) yes Sir, the work has been included in the Budget 1996-97.

(b) The Final Location Survey for the entire length has been completed. Land acquisition papers for 7 km. out of 82 km. has so far been submitted to the State Government. An amount of Rs. 5 crores has also been paid to the State Government for the land. However, the land is yet to be handed over by the State Government. Target date will be fixed after receipt of possession of land and depending upon the availability of resources.

जोधपुर में आमान परिवर्तन

1214. **श्री सुंदर सिंह भंडारी**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जोधपुर से मारवाड जंक्शन तक बड़ी लाइन बिछाने का काम पहले ही शुरू कर दिया गया है,

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है और यह कब तक प्रारंभ हो जायेगा, और

(ग) बड़ी लाइन बिछाने संबंधी काम का कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है और इसे यात्री गाड़ियों के लिए कबतक चालू कर दिया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): की जी हां।

(ख)प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) चालू वित्त वर्ष में कार्य पूरा हो जाने और यात्री गाड़ियों के परिचालित हो जाने की संभावना है।

Railway projects in Punjab

1215. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing railway projects in Punjab;

(b) what is the dead-line for those projects which are to be completed by government; and

(c) the details of progress made for completion of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Position of major railway projects, at least a portion of which falls in Punjab is as follows:

S.No.	Project	Target Date of Completion	Progress Made
1.	Dclhi-Ambala-Ludhiana Railway Electrification	March 1999	Shambhu-Ludhiana portion completed.
2.	Ludhiana-Amritsar Railway Electrification	Not yet fixed	Work included in the Budget 1997-98. Actual construction to be taken up after procedural approval.
3.	Setting up of an electric Loco Shed at Ludhiana	March 2000	Work has just started
4.	Setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala	March 1999	96% completed
5.	Amritsar-additions & alteration in sick and washing lines	March 1999	32% completed
6.	Jallandhar City: Provision of DMU car shed	March 1999	6% completed
7.	Jallandhar Cantt.-Firozpur: Replacement of analog MW by (34+2) MB system	December 1999	Detailed estimate sanctioned. Tender for towers floated and opened.
8.	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LINES: (i) Taran Taran-Goindwal (ii) Chandigarh-Ludhiana (iii) Abohar-Fazilka (iv) Beas to Dera Baba Jaimal Singh	Not yet fixed.	Work included in the Budget 1997-98 including supplementary. Actual construction to be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances etc.
9.	Doubling of Jallandhar- Pathan-kot-Jammu Tavi section	Not yet fixed.	Work included in the Budget 1997-98 (Suppl). Actual construction to be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances.
10.	Ferozepur Division-FM to BSL Track Circuiting	March 1998	Out of 9 stations- falling in Punjab, work has been completed at 8 stations and is in progress at remaining one station viz. Amritsar.
11.	Ludhiana Route Ralay Interlocking	June 1999	10% completed.